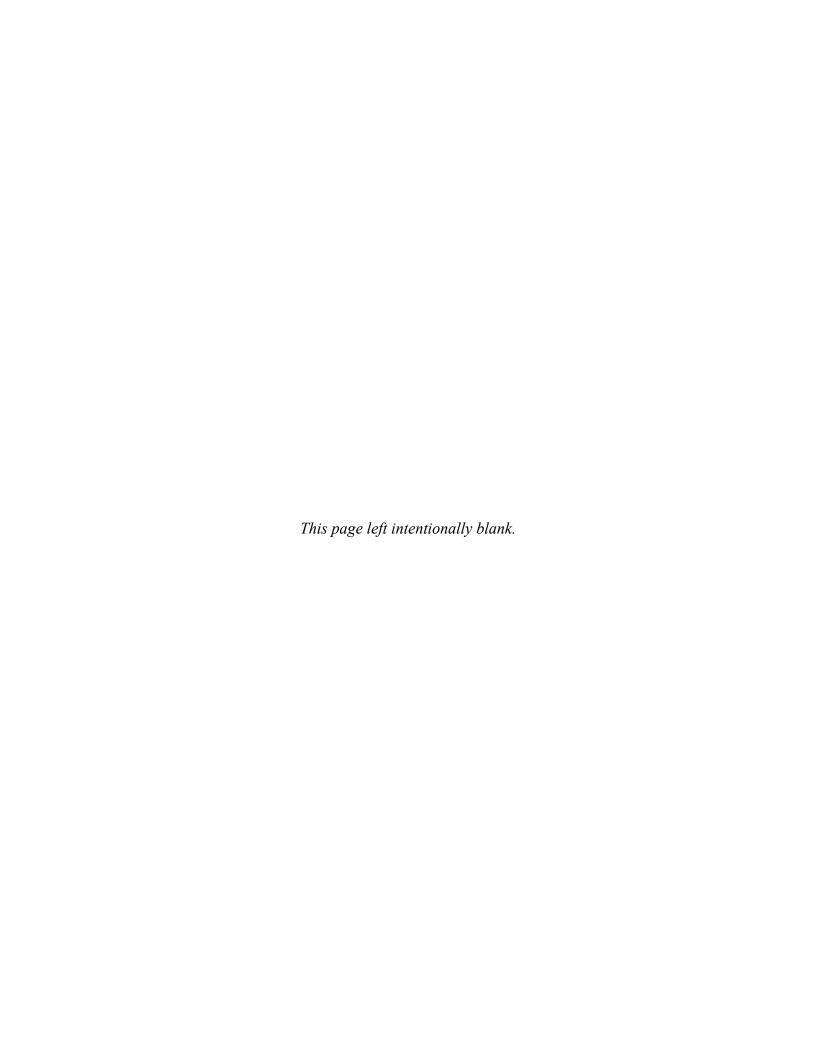


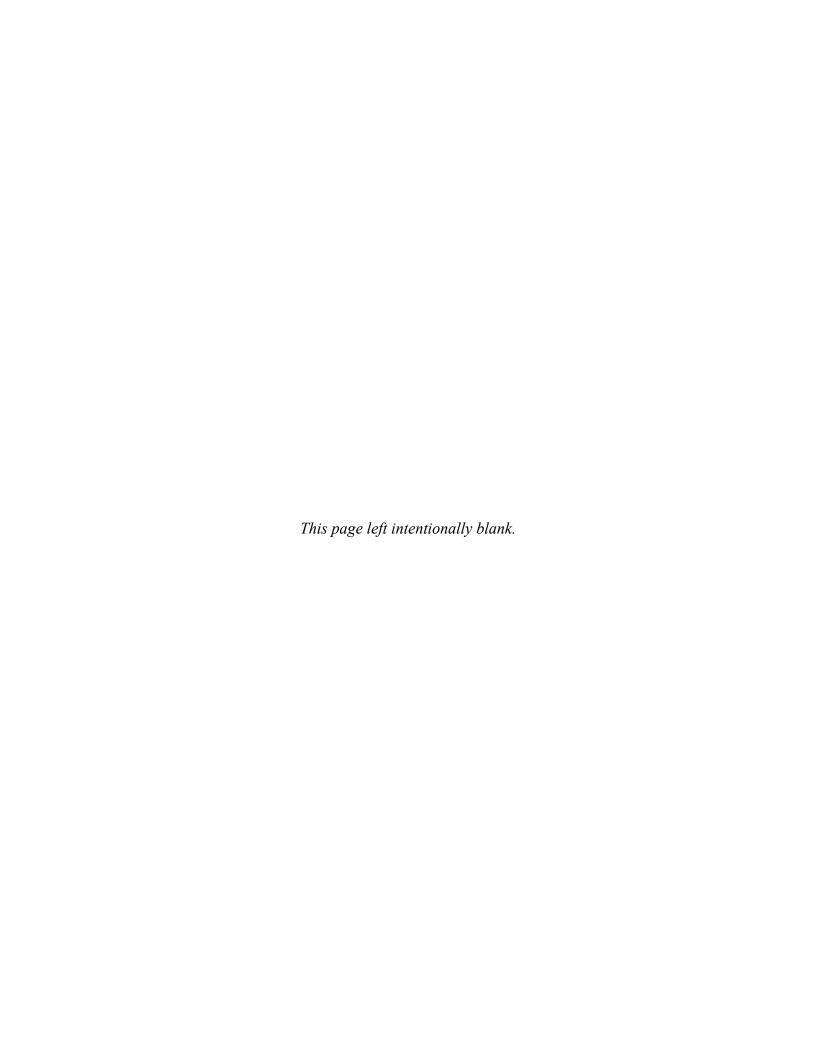


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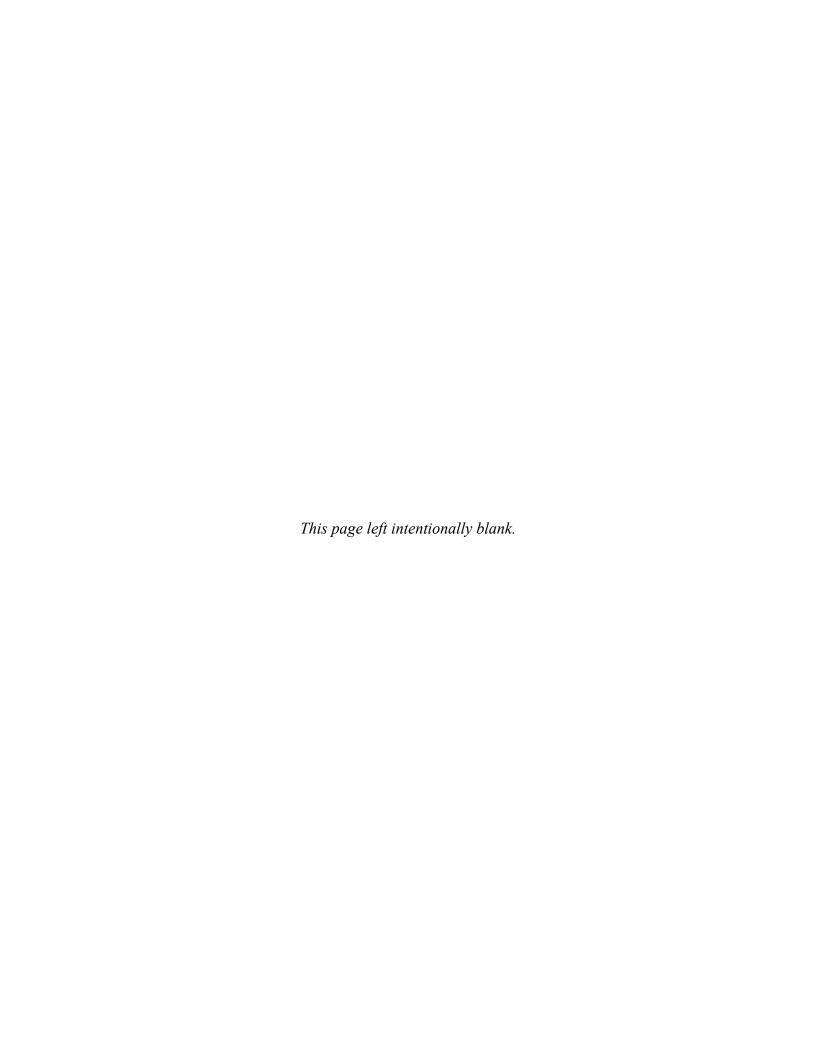
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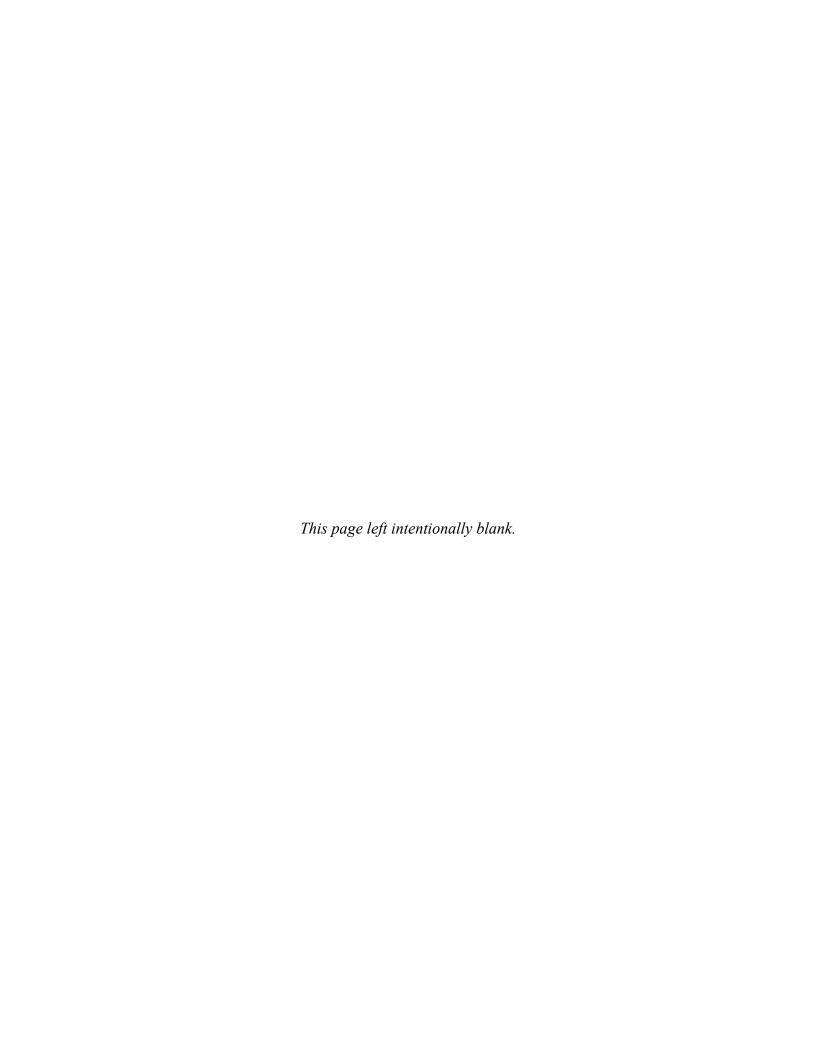
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ACRONYMS

ADCP: Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler

ADDAMS: Automated Dredging and Disposal Alternatives Management System

AOC: Administrative Order on Consent

ARAR: Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirement ARCS: Assessment and Remediation of Contaminated Sediments

ASTM: American Society for Testing and Materials

AVS: Acid Volatile Sulfide

AWQC: Ambient Water Quality Criteria
BSAF: Biota Sediment Accumulation Factors
BEAST: Benthic Assessment of Sediment
CAD: Contained Aquatic Disposal
CAG: Community Advisory Group

CASRGW: Contaminated Aquatic Sediment Remedial Guidance Workgroup

CD: Consent Decree

CDF: Confined Disposal Facility

CERCLA: Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (1980)

COC: Contaminants of Concern
CRC: Coastal Resource Coordinator
CSM: Conceptual Site Model

CSTTP: Contaminated Treatment Technology Program

CWA: Clean Water Act

DDD: Dichloro-Diphenyl-Dichloroethane
 DDE: Dichloro-Diphenyl-Dichloroethylene
 DDT: Dichloro-Diphenyl-Trichloroethane
 DGPS: Differential Global Positioning System
 DNAPL: Dense Non-Aqueous Phase Liquids

DOD: Department of Defense
DOE: Department of Energy
DOI: Department of the Interior
DOO: Data Quality Objective

EPA: Environmental Protection Agency ESD: Explanation of Significant Difference

ESGs: Equilibrium-partitioning Sediment Guidelines

ET: Ecotox Threshold

FIELDS: Fully Integrated Environmental Location Decision Support

FFRRO: Federal Facilities Restoration and Reuse Office

FMP: Fishery Management Plan

FS: Feasibility Study

GIS: Geographic Information System
GPS: Global Positioning System

GLNPO: Great Lakes National Program Office

HASP: Health and Safety Plan

HSRC: Hazardous Substance Research Center HWIR: Hazardous Waste Identification Rule

IC: Institutional Control LTFATE: Long-Term Fate Model

MNA: Monitored Natural Attenuation
MNP: Monitored Natural Processes
MNR: Monitored Natural Recovery
NAPL: Non-Aqueous Phase Liquids

NCP: National Oil and Hazardous Substance Pollution Contingency Plan

NMFS: National Marine Fisheries Service

NOAA: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency
NPDES: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

NPL: National Priorities List
NRC: National Research Council
O&M: Operation and Maintenance

OERR: Office of Emergency and Remedial Response

OGC: Office of the General Counsel
OMB: Office of Management and Budget
ORD: Office of Research and Development

OSWER: Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response

OU: Operable Unit OW: Office of Water

PAH: Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbon
PA/SI: Preliminary Assessment/Site Inspection
PBTs: Persistent Bioaccumulative Toxics

PCB: Polychlorinated Biphenyl PCLT: Pancake Column Leach Test

PIANC: Permanent International Association of Navigational Congresses

PRGs: Preliminary Remediation Goals
PRP: Potentially Responsible Party
QA/QC: Quality Assurance/Quality Control
QAPP: Quality Assurance Project Plan
RAOs: Remedial Action Objectives

RCRA: Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

REACH IT: Remediation and Characterization Innovative Technologies

RGs: Remediation Goals
RI: Remedial Investigation
ROD: Record of Decision

RPM: Remedial Project Manager

RREL: Risk Reduction Engineering Laboratory

SAB: Science Advisory Board

SEM: Simultaneously Extracted Metals

SITE: Superfund Innovative Technology Evaluation

SPC: Sediment Profile Camera

SQuiRTs: Screening Quick Reference Tables SSFATE: Suspended Sediment Fate Model

STFATE: Short-Term Fate Model TAG: Technical Assistance Grants

TBC: To-Be-Considered Advisories, Criteria, or Guidance

TCLP: Toxicity Characteristic Leachate Procedure

TMDL: Total Maximum Daily Load TMV: Toxicity, Mobility, and Volume

TOC: Total Organic Carbon

TOSC: Technical Outreach Services for Communities

TSCA: Toxic Substances Control Act

TSS: Total Suspended Solids

UAO: Unilateral Administrative Order

USACE: United States Army Corps of Engineers

USCG: United States Coast Guard

USDA: United States Department of Agriculture USFWS: United States Fish and Wildlife Service

USGS: United States Geological Survey

WES: USACE Waterways Experimental Station

WQLS: Water Quality Limited Segment WRDA: Water Resources Development Act